

National Model Railroad Association

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Achievement Program

Author

Although the category title is Model Railroad Author, it may just as well be Model Railroad Media Specialist. All fields may be used to earn points.

To qualify for this certificate, you must:

1. Prepare and submit material on any of the following subjects:
 - Model Railroading.
 - Prototype Railroading, Applicable to Modeling.
 - NMRA Administration (e.g. Officers or Committee Reports)

The material being claimed must be the work of the author, photographer, artist, draftsman, etc. applying for the certificate. A total of forty-two (42) points must be earned from a combination of material in the following areas:

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This is material that appears in printed media, such as magazines or newsletters and may include text, photographs, drawings, etc. Material that has been published or accepted for publication, may be claimed. A copy of the published material or of the acceptance receipt from the publication, must be submitted as proof. Points are awarded regardless of size or number of features appearing in any particular issue.

Item	Points Earned Per Full Page			
	National Publication	NMRA National	NMRA Region	NMRA Division & SIGs
Article or Column	3	3	2	1
Photos or Art Work	3	3	2	1
Scale Drawing of Prototype	6	6	4	2
Scale Drawing of Track Plan	3	3	2	1
NMRA Data/RP Sheet-One Subject	-	6	-	-

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considered Region Publications.

- Material published in 100% NMRA Club publications earns half the number of points as for an NMRA Division publication.
- No more than half of the total required points (21) may be claimed for Division or 100% NMRA Club publications.

B. Live Clinics

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Points Earned For Live Clinics

Item	National	Region	Division
Given At NMRA Sponsored Events	6	4	2
Given at NON-NMRA Sponsored Events	3	2	1

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Assoc. Volunteer Points	3	2	1

C. Instructional Video Tapes and Multi-Media

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General:

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2. Submit a completed: Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) which shall include a list of all material claimed giving the subject matter, name of the publication or place of presentation, the dates, and the handouts. The number of points claimed for each item must be shown.

Further Information

Contact National Achievement Program General Manager, Paul Richardson, MMR achiev@hq.nmra.org, or your Region or Division Achievement Program Manager for more information.

Also refer to the NMRA AP regulations (1992), the AP Handbook (1991), and the articles "Model Railroad Author" and "Helpful Hints for Authors", NMRA Bulletin, June, 1992.

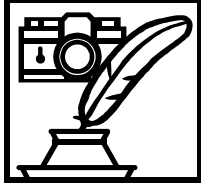
Forms available for this category:

- SOQ Form: (PDF)
- Record and Validation forms: (PDF)

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Street: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____

ZIP/PC: _____ Country: _____ NMRA Region: _____

Date Submitted: _____ E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

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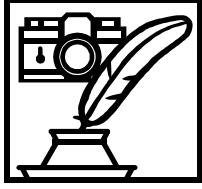
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MODEL RAILROAD AUTHOR
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FORM
May 2006**

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Member's Statement and Agreement:

I certify that I have completed all of the requirements for this Certificate of Achievement as listed above and that I will agree to assist other members in this subject whenever possible, whether or not they are participants in the Achievement Program.

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

Certification of Regional Achievement Program Chair

As the NMRA Regional Achievement Program Chair of the _____, I certify that I have examined this SOQ and, having compared it to the stated requirements for this certificate, I am satisfied that the stated requirements have been met.

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

Region Cert #: _____

Approval by AP National Executive Vice-Chair

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

